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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 3/2/2005 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☒ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

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d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

2. Amendment filed 3/2/2005, Amending the claims have been approved by the examiner.

Information Disclosure Statement

The prior art documents submitted by applicant in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on 2/16/2005 have all been considered and made of record (note the attached copy of form PTO - 1449).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mohammed Hasan whose telephone number is (571) 272-2331. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH, 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Georgia Epps can be reached on (571) 272- 2328. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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